

AMENDMENT OF THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract of Disclosure to read as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF INVENTION

A point of sale (POS) station including a bar code reading system installed in a counter-surface at the POS station. The system comprises a bioptical laser scanning bar code reading unit. A cashier-scale terminal is integrated with the unit, and has a first visual display panel and a first keyboard provided on the cashier's side of the housing. A customer-kiosk terminal is integrated with the unit, and has with a second visual display panel and second keyboard integrated therewith provided on the customer's side of the housing. The first display panel is aligned with the second display panel along a common viewing plane passing through the housing so that the cashier and customer are facing each other and the first and second display panels, respectively, during POS transactions, while the customer is permitted to view the displayed price of scanned items and the displayed weight and price of weighted items.--